



St Brigid's Marrickville

*In the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia
One Family, Alive in Christ*

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people

19th Sunday –Year A 08/09 August 2020

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

at ST BRIGID'S

Saturday -5.00pm (Vigil)

7.00pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday - 8.00 am

Sunday - 10.30 am

4.00pm (Vietnamese)

Sunday - 6.00 pm

Please also note that,

in accordance with the latest government regulations, the MAXIMUM number able to attend any Mass at St. Brigid's is now 100 persons.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Chancery has advised parishes of the following recommendations by NSW Health:

It is now recommended that people wear masks when they are in crowded places and social distancing is not easy to maintain. NSW Health states examples such as public transport and places of worship.

BOOKINGS for ALL Masses remain ESSENTIAL

Web Page: —

—<http://www.stbrigid.org.au>

Register online on

[https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-brigid-catholic-church-marrickville-](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-brigid-catholic-church-marrickville)

Follow our Facebook page: —

—**St Brigid's Marrickville**

OR

phone the Parish Office on **8577 5670** between 9.30am - 4.00pm, Monday—Friday .

WEEKDAY MASSES at ST. BRIGID'S

MONDAY - 9:00 am

TUESDAY - 6.45 am

WEDNESDAY - 9:00 am

THURSDAY - 6.45am

FRIDAY - 9:00 am

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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Receipts for 2019-2020 are available at the main doors Church.

NEW Sets of Envelopes for 2020-2021 are also available at the main doors of the Church.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

WALKING ON WATER **19th SUNDAY A**

Jesus said to his Apostle Peter: "Come to me across the water!"

They say that "life begins at forty". Some of you may have personal experience of that. But just when he was about to turn forty, a man called Peter – he lives thousands of miles away - had a very bad year.

He crashed his car. He was drunk at the time, so he lost his driving licence. He needed that driving licence for his job, so he lost his job. When he lost his job, he could not keep up the mortgage payments on his house. His wife divorced him and took their two children away. He took up the only two options he thought he had left in the world - he went home to live with his parents, and he started to drink heavily.

His mother was very old and confined to a wheelchair. But the only thing she asked of him was to take her to church every day. So, day after day, he wheeled her to church, where he listened to a very long and boring homily by a very old and decrepit priest. He got to thinking: "What a hopeless old man! I could do better myself!"

It was a bizarre thought for someone who by now barely believed in God. But the thought stuck with him. Every day when took his mother to Mass, the thought grew and grew. He went to make his confession, a long one. Next, he started to receive Holy Communion. And all the time, the thought kept growing within him that he should be a priest.

When Vocations Sunday came around, the old priest gave a particularly long and boring homily, during which he asked all those present to ask themselves whether they might sense within themselves a call to the priesthood or religious life. After Mass, Peter took his courage in both hands and went to see the priest in the sacristy. He told him he thought he had a vocation. First the priest was shocked, and then the priest laughed at him. Didn't he know that married men could not become priests?

Peter went away humiliated. In fact, he was so angry that he wrote a long letter to the bishop

complaining about the attitude of the priest. The bishop wrote back saying that the old priest was, in his opinion, one of the holiest men in the diocese, but if Peter felt that he wanted to consider a vocation, the bishop would be happy to meet with him.

So, feeling a little foolish, and not really sure what there was to talk about, Peter went to see the bishop. The gospel for that day was the one we've heard today, the invitation of Jesus to the Apostle Peter. The Peter of this story hoped it might be a good sign. They spoke for a long time and, for the first time, Peter opened his heart. And, in talking about his deepest hopes, he discovered that he really did have a burning desire to be a priest - the conviction to give his whole life to the service of God and God's people – a conviction that is given only by God himself. At the end of their conversation, the bishop told him frankly that he believed Peter had a genuine vocation, but he had no idea whether within the rules of the Church he could become a priest. He would see what he could do. Peter went home feeling the best he had all that year.

A week later, he was called to see the bishop again. The bishop explained that there was a provision in canon law after all, for men in his position to become priests. Thirteen years ago, Peter was ordained, and is now working as a priest in a parish in England.

There are times in life when the things God asks of us seem so difficult that we conclude all too quickly that they are simply impossible. We even doubt that the things God is asking of us are really coming from the Lord at all. Might they not be coming from the bad Spirit?

Sometimes the only way to find out the truth is to ask the Lord to tell us to come to him across the water of our fears and doubts. And when, like Peter the Apostle, we start to sink beneath the waves, to reach out towards the Lord with both hands, and say to him not once, not twice, but over and over and over again: "Lord, save me!" "Lord, save me!"

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Baptism Dates—2020

20 and 27 September; 25 October;
15 and 22 November; 20 December
at 12.30pm.

**1st Sunday—Preparation for
parents and godparents.**

2nd Sunday—Welcoming Mass

If you wish to make a booking,
please e-mail the Parish Office
on :

parish@stbrigid.org.au
including your choice of date
AND postal address.

**Please Note: Baptism is a com-
munal sacrament at St Brigid's
with up to FIVE (5) children
baptised at each session.**

In accordance with COVID-19
Regulations, the MAXIMUM
number of guests per family
will be 20, including parents,
siblings and godparents

2021 Wedding Bookings

**St Brigid's is now accepting
SATURDAY Wedding Bookings
for next year.**

**Please send your enquiry via
E-MAIL to:**

parish@stbrigid.org.au.

**Include couple's names,
addresses, phone numbers,
choice of date and time, and
name of priest who has agreed
to officiate at your wedding.
Please keep in mind that, in ac-
cordance with COVID 19 Regu-
lations and until further notice
a MAXIMUM of 100 people is
permitted at any service in St
Brigid's Church .**

From the Archdiocese of Syd- ney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you—or anyone you know— have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on Safeguarding enquiries @sydneycatholic.org OR 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

ST BRIGID'S PLANNED GIVING

**If you are not already a
member and would like to
join our Planned Giving
Scheme , please contact the
Parish Office by:**

E-mail:

parish @stbrigid.org.au

OR

Phone: 8577 5670

**(9.30am -4.00pm,
Mon to Fri).**

This will enable you to contrib-
ute EITHER: via **cash** in a
numbered **WEEKLY envelope**

OR

via : a **MONTHLY Credit Card
deduction**

For a portion of either of the
above, you may claim a tax de-
ductible receipt at the end of
each financial year.

Information Directory

St Brigid's Primary School
9558 6926

Casimir Catholic College
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Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

Adult Sacraments: Sr. Elena
Bereavement Ministry: Sr. Elenita
Care of Sick & Aged: Fr. Dominic
CCD in State Schools: Sr. Elenita
Children's Sacraments: Sr. Elenita
Sunday Children's Liturgy: Sr. Elenita
Ecumenical & Interfaith: Jim Yeo
Family Groups Contact: Adrienne Harverson

Finance C'tee : Hamish Flett
Justice & Peace Network: Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries: Fr. Erick, Sr. Elena

Maintenance C'tee: Michael Daher/
Pongia Fenukitau

Men's Club: Arthur Kassis;
John Skinner,
Mick Ward

Parish Safeguarding Support Officer:
Jim Yeo

Pastoral Council Co-chairs :
Peter Jennings,
Arthur Kassis
Youth Ministry: Jenny Solo
Oliver Bautista

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently deceased

- ♦ Natalien Samsona
- ♦ Victims from Beirut blast
- ♦ Anthony Testa
- ♦ Peter English
- ♦ Manuel Pasquale Coelho
- ♦ Concetta Lanzafame
- ♦ Silvestro Fioraliso
- ♦ Antonio Frade

For the Sick

- ♦ Basile Karamoschosto
- ♦ Lena Buck
- ♦ Sheila Kettle
- ♦ Maria Fuller
- ♦ Helen Eid
- ♦ Bob Bain
- ♦ Elizabeth Yashadhana

- ♦ Mary Harb
- ♦ Winifreda Jauco
- ♦ Peter Ling
- ♦ Geoffrey Leask
- ♦ Ken & Maureen Mc Rae
- ♦ And all those infected with Corona-Virus

Death Anniversaries

Ray Sykes, Maria Theresia In-draguati Widjaja, George Sippel, Magno Paglinawan, Mary O'Brien, Dante Dela Cruz, Dominic Pham Van Quy, Endriawati Widjaja, Johannis Peter Climax

DONATIONS to the parish may be made via the donation tab on our website

<https://stbrigid.org.au/>

The following options are available

- ♦ General Donations
- ♦ 1st Collection (Passionist C'ty)
- ♦ 2nd Collection (Parish)

COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING

During this time of pandemic, in order for St Brigid's to be open for religious worship, the government requires the collection of the names and contact details of EVERY person who attends a celebration here.

The purpose is to contain the spread of coronavirus. If someone in attendance contracts Covid-19, NSW Health will be able to notify you so you can take appropriate measures.

These details MUST be retained for four weeks and will then be destroyed unless a formal request is received beforehand from the Chief Health Officer.